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SUBJECT: INTERSHOP SYSTEM

1. IN RESPONSE PLEASE CITE C-ER-7-51242.
 2. WE HAVE RECEIVED A NUMBER OF REPORTS THAT THE INTERSHOP SYSTEM IS BEING GREATLY EXPANDED, BOTH IN NUMBER OF SHOPS AND VARIETY OF GOODS AND SERVICES AVAILABLE. WE WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY COMMENTS OF ANY CHANGES IN THE INTERSHOP SYSTEM. A. ARE VEGETABLES NOW BEING SOLD IN INTERSHOPS FOR HARD CURRENCY? ARE THERE ANY OTHER FOOD OR CONSUMER GOODS IN SHORT SUPPLY WHICH HAVE RECENTLY BEEN ADDED TO INTERSHOP MERCHANDISE? ARE THERE NEW SERVICES BEING OFFERED BY INTERSHOPS? B. IS THERE AN INTERSHOP CATALOG OR PRICE LIST WHICH COULD BE FORWARDED TO INR/OIL? C. HAS THERE BEEN ADVERSE CONSUMER REACTION TO THE EXPANDED INTERSHOP SYSTEM? HAS THERE BEEN AN UPSURGE IN BLACK MARKET ACTIVITIES AND/OR AN INCREASE IN THE BLACK MARKET RATE
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FOR DM? D. IS ANYTHING KNOWN ABOUT FUTURE REGIME PLANS AND INTENTIONS FOR THE INTERSHOP SYSTEM?

3. WE HAVE ALSO RECEIVED REPORTS OF SHORTAGES OF NEW POTATOES, ESPECIALLY IN RURAL AREAS. CAN EMBASSY CONFIRM

THESE SHORTAGES? ARE THERE CURRENTLY SHORTAGES OF OTHER

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES? VANCE

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